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PREFACE

This APPENDIX is a companion for the June 1985 version of GENEALOGY OF THE JONES HOUSE booklet. PART ONE of the APPENDIX may be used with earlier versions of the JONES HOUSE booklet, however, several paragraphs and their reference numbers were rearranged in the June version.

As shown in the table below, a short reference code is used in PART ONE to identify the GENEALOGY OF THE JONES HOUSE booklet. Other space savers used in PART ONE include abbreviated titles to history books that were used for source and/or reference. The table below shows the full title of each book or booklet—plus other information—and the shortened style or code:

THE HISTORY OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Published by WM. Le Baron, Jr., & Co., Chicago, 1878. The abbreviated style is:
THE 1878 HISTORY.

PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM of Livingston County, Ill. Published 1888, by Chapman Brothers, Chicago. The abbreviated style is:
THE 1888 ALBUM.

THE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD OF LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Illustrated, 1900. Published by the S. J. Clark Publishing Company, Chicago. The abbreviated style is:
THE 1900 BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

INVENTORY OF THE COUNTY ARCHIVES OF ILLINOIS, NO* 53, LIVINGSTON COUNTY [PONTIAC]. Prepared by The Illinois Historical Records Survey, Division of Professional and Service Projects, Works Project Administration, Chicago, Illinois, 1940. The abbreviated style is:
WPA 1940 INVENTORY.

GENEALOGY OF THE JONES HOUSE, June 1985 Version. The abbreviated style is:
G-H.

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The text and the masters from which these pages are copied are dedicated to and become the property of The Livingston County Historical Society.

The invaluable assistance of my brother, Richard D. Schlosser of Joliet, Illinois, is certainly appreciated.

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A Biographical Sketch of Henry C. Jones:

THE 1900 BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD, Page 48:

"HENRY C. JONES"

"Henry C. Jones, a well-known citizen of Pontiac, Illinois, was born in Cicero, Hamilton county, Indiana, February 11, 1838, a son of Henry Jones, who was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, where during his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade. When a young man he removed to Cicero, Indiana, and turned his attention to mercantile business. Here he married¹ Emily De Moss, a daughter² of James De Moss, a French Huguenot and a carpenter by trade, who passed his last days as a farmer in Livingston county, Illinois. The parents of our subject came to this county in 1845,³ but after a short time spent here they removed to the territory of Iowa, locating at Bellevue, where our subject began his education. In 1847⁴ the family returned to this county, and after following farming for a short time the father, in 1849,⁵ went to California, where for several years he was engaged in mining and mercantile pursuits. Returning to Pontiac in 1855⁶ he again

Footnotes:

1. A record of this marriage was not found in a search of the marriage records in the Courthouse at Hamilton County, Indiana. No information has been found as to the age of father Henry. Referring to paragraph 28 in G-H, after the home was sold in February of 1860, Emily lived with her daughter Martha Foster in Owego Township for a few months. 1860 Owego census shows Emily as age 46, making 1814 as the probable year of birth. See footnotes 57 and 64.

2. Referring to paragraph 9 in G-H, Emily's mother is listed as Nancy in the 1850 Census; and as Nancy in some of the DeMoss biographical sketches see page a14, footnote 58. Referring to page a12, we learn that her birth name was Margaret Nace, see footnote 49. The approximate year of her death is found on page a13, see footnote 53.

3. Referring again to paragraph 9 in G-H, if 1850 census data of age seven and born in Iowa are correct for son Joseph, this family was living in Iowa before 1845. Biographical sketches of DeMoss subjects in THE 1878 HISTORY, and in THE 1888 ALBUM indicate that some of them came to Livingston County as early as 1840. As several related families often traveled together, the Jones family may have come with DeMoss families somewhat earlier than 1845. See footnotes 20, 47, 50, and 51, and the text to which they refer.

4. This date may be correct, however, it is difficult to verify as records were not found for this family earlier than the 1850 census.

5. With her husband and the father of her children in search of California gold, it is not surprising that Emily Jones would move herself and her children into her parents household, as was shown in the 1850 census. Henry's absence would also be the reason that Henry's signature was not found on the 1853 deed for the sale of DeMoss land, see paragraph 10 in G-H.

6. Referring to paragraph 14 in G-H, and to land deed recorded in Book F, Page 29, dated 1 October 1855, it appears that father Henry stopped for a period of time in Emmet County, Iowa, before coming to Pontiac. An inquiry addressed to the Recorder of Deeds of Emmet County brought a reply that a fire in 1876 destroyed early records. Also see footnotes 10 and 23.

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engaged in mercantile business here, and was, in 1857,⁷ elected county judge. In 1859,⁸ resigning his office of county judge here, he returned to the Pacific slope in company with our subject and fifteen young men. He engaged in mercantile business in Shasta, California, and became one of the most prominent and prosperous men of that place. He was elected a member of the board of supervisors, and was also alcalde (or mayor) of Shasta. In connection with his other business he was quite extensively engaged in gold mining. He did much to build up the town and was recognized as one of its most influential and prominent citizens. After the Civil war he supported the Republican party and took a leading part in public affairs. He died in Shasta in 1893, and the mother of our subject died in the same place in 1868, leaving five children, of whom Henry C. was third⁹ in order of birth.

"During his boyhood our subject attended the public schools of Pontiac, and when his education was completed clerked¹⁰ in his father's store until going to California in 1859. They made the trip overland with horseless vehicles (ox teams) and were six months upon the way. They passed through St. Joseph, Missouri, went up the Platte when the Indians in that region were quite hostile, and passed through what is now Ogden, Utah, and through Nevada. Arriving at Shasta, California, which was a good mining town, father and son opened a store and as merchants soon built up a good trade. For some years they were interested in placer and later in quartz mining. Our subject continued in business with his father until 1864,¹¹ when he enlisted in the volunteer service and was elected

Footnotes:

7. Referring to page 67 of WPA 1940 INVENTORY, 21 November 1857 was the swearing in date. See paragraph 16 in G-H.

8. Continuing with page 67 in note above, a special election was held to fill the vacancy in the office of county judge, the new judge took office on 6 May 1859. Also see paragraphs 27 and 28 in G-H.

9. Referring to paragraph 9 in G-H, census records show seven births. Son Joseph probably had an early death, see paragraph 27 in G-H, and daughter Rebecca, who had married a man named McPherson, may have preceded her mother in death. This would then leave five children surviving in 1868, and of those five survivors Henry would have been third in order of birth. As of this writing, the actual birth and death dates of the offspring have not been determined, with the exception of Henry C. Jones and Eliza (Jones) Renoe. Eliza was born 1 May 1839, and died 16 March 1922 at Clay City, Illinois. Date of 1868, shown in text, for the mother's death may be incorrect, see footnote 67.

10. It is unlikely that father Henry had a store in Pontiac earlier than October of 1855, see footnotes 6 and 23, and paragraph 14 in G-H. At that time, son Henry, born on 11 February 1838, would have been well past the age of seventeen; old enough to have completed all grades in local schools. Also see Teen-ager, page a16.

11. The year 1864 shown here was probably supplied by Henry and therefore it may be correct. In the obituary for Henry C. Jones, see footnote 24 and the text to which it refers, 1863 is given as the year for leaving California.

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lieutenant of his company, but when they were put in barracks and the regulars went to the front, he resigned. That he might see some active service he went, via Panama,¹² to New York with the intention of enlisting there, but the war ended before he found the opportunity.

"Returning to Livingston county, Illinois, Mr. Jones entered the newspaper field, and with Mr. Renoe¹³ established the Free Press at Pontiac. Later he bought the Sentinel, the oldest newspaper in the county, from James Stout, and, consolidating the two, published a paper known as the Sentinel and Press. Mr. Renoe was a Democrat, while he was a Republican, but Mr. Renoe later withdrew, leaving Mr. Jones as sole editor and proprietor, and the paper resumed its old name as Sentinel. He continued the publication of the Sentinel for nine years, during which time he built up a good circulation and made it the leading Republican paper in the county. Selling out in 1875,¹⁴ he went to Texas, and engaged in the auxiliary newspaper business in Dallas, getting out patent insides. In this enterprise he was remarkably successful, having a list of two hundred and sixty-two local papers to supply. He also published the Planter and Farmer, and in that undertaking was also successful, but on account of the ill health of his wife, he disposed of his interests in Texas and removed¹⁵ to Santa Cruz, California, where he owns a valuable prune ranch.

"In 1892¹⁶ Mr. Jones returned to Pontiac and acquired a three-fifths interest in the electric light plant, having helped to develop the enterprise. This company was incorporated as the Pontiac Light, Heat & Power Company, and has grown to large proportions. Mr. Jones served as its president for seven years, though he recently sold his interest in the same. He has been a taxpayer in Pontiac for over thirty years and is recognized as one of her most progressive citizens, giving his support to those objects which he believes will prove of public benefit. Socially he is a member of the Pontiac, Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M.

"On the 25th of September, 1873,¹⁷ Mr. Jones was united in marriage with

Footnotes:

12. In the obituary for Mr. Jones, see footnote 24 and the text to which it refers, it is implied that Jones traversed the isthmus via Nicaragua. Of the two sources, it would seem that this biographical sketch would be more reliable.

13. Mr. Renoe and Mr. Jones were brothers-in-law, see footnote 26. According to information on page 45 of WPA 1940 INVENTORY, this venture began in 1867.

14. The date of 1875 is important in correcting a statement in the Henry C. Jones obituary indicating that their daughter, Helen M. Jones, had died in California. See footnotes 28 and 33. Also see paragraph 35 in G-H.

15. This move occurred in 1885, see footnotes 30 and 39.

16. Apparently Mr. Jones returned without his wife and daughter, see footnotes 31, 39, and 46, and the text to which they refer. Also refer to G-H, paragraphs 39 and 40..

17. Incorrect date. Marriage record at the Livingston County Courthouse shows a marriage date of 23 September 1872. An obituary for Mrs. Mary Jones, reproduced on page a7, shows the correct date of 23 September 1872.

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Miss Mary A. Bancroft, a native of New York, and a daughter of Luther Bancroft, of Pontiac. They have one daughter, Nellie A.,¹⁸ who with her mother¹⁹ is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Pontiac." [End of Sketch.]

An Obituary for Henry C. Jones:

The Pontiac Daily Leader -- Monday, June 13, 1921, Page 3, Column 2,

"PONTIAC PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH"

"Henry C. Jones, who first came to Pontiac in 1845²⁰ and a man who has always been closely associated with its history, died at 10 o'clock this forenoon²¹ at the family residence, 314 East Madison Street. Death was due to pneumonia, he having been ill less than a week. Apparently he was on the road to recovery but the end came quite suddenly.

"Definite arrangements have not yet been made concerning the funeral services, which will be in charge of Pontiac Lodge No. 294, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. Burial is to be in the city cemetery.

"Mr. Jones was born in Cicero, Hamilton county, Indiana, February 11, 1838, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, Sr. In 1845²⁰ his parents removed to Pontiac, then a struggling village. They remained here but a short time when they moved to the territory of Iowa, locating near Bellevue, where Mr. Jones began his early education. In 1847²² the family returned to this county and Mr. Jones completed his education in the schools of Pontiac. When his education was completed, he

Footnotes:

18. "Nelle J." is correct name of daughter. According to information found in the Probate Record for Henry C. Jones, Henry and Mary had raised Nelle as though she had been born to them, however, they had never legally adopted her. See paragraph 38 in G-H.

19. Apparently Henry's wife and daughter had returned to Pontiac at the time of the writing of THE 1900 BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD. Refer to paragraphs 39 and 40 in G-H, and footnotes 16, 31, 39, and 46.

20. Referring to paragraph 9 of G-H, if 1850 census data of age seven and born in Iowa are correct for son Joseph, this family was living in Iowa before 1845. Biographical sketches of DeMoss subjects in THE 1878 HISTORY, and in THE 1888 ALBUM indicate that some of them came to Livingston County as early as 1840. As several related families often traveled together, the Jones family may have come with DeMoss families somewhat earlier than 1845. See footnotes 3, 47, 50, and 51, and the text to which they refer.

21. The death date shown here is correct. Death certificate for Henry C. Jones shows an incorrect date, 12 June 1921.

22. This date may be correct, however, it is difficult to verify as records were not found for this family earlier than the 1850 census.

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entered his father's store²³ here as a clerk, where he remained until 1859. In that year Mr. Jones started overland for California via the ox team route, the trip consuming six month's time. Arriving at Shasta, Cal., Mr. Jones and his father opened a store and soon had developed a good trade. For some years they were interested in placer and later in quartz gold mining.

"In 1863²⁴ he left San Francisco by steamer for Nicaragua and making the trip across the isthmus, took steamer for New York, returning later to Pontiac. He intended to enlist as soon as he had returned but found that the war had ended²⁵ before he got here. He then entered the newspaper business and worked for a time in a printing office. He later worked for a Mr. Dash at Eureka, taking charge of the printing office of the former. During the six months he worked there he saved \$600. Later that year he planned to go into the newspaper business at Warsaw, Mo. He became ill with typhoid fever, however, and returned to Pontiac.

"In company with the late M. A. Renoe, he established the Free Press²⁶ here. Later he purchased²⁷ the Sentinel, the oldest newspaper in the county, from James Stout and consolidated the two under the name Sentinel and Press. Mr. Renoe being a Democrat and Mr. Jones a Republican, Mr. Renoe shortly afterwards withdrew and Mr. Jones revived the name of Sentinel for the paper. He continued the publication of the Sentinel for nine years, disposing of his interests at the end of that time.²⁸

"After disposing of his newspaper business to Fred Alles, Mr. Jones went to California, this time over the new constructed Union Pacific railroad, with an excursion party. The following year he returned to Pontiac and later went to

Footnotes:

23. The store could not have come about before the father of Henry C. Jones came to this area on the first day of October 1855. See footnotes 6 and 10, and Teen-ager on page a16. Also see paragraph 14 in G-H.

24. The date of 1863 and the nation of Nicaragua do not agree with the biographical sketch, see footnotes 11 and 12 and the text to which they refer. In the sketch the date is 1864 and the nation mentioned is Panama. It would seem that the biographical sketch would be the more accurate account. The person who wrote the obituary may have made a mistake.

25. The Civil War ended on 9 April 1865, so it would seem that Mr. Jones got back to Pontiac in 1865, sometime after the 9th of April.

26. Referring to WPA 1940 INVENTORY, page 45, this venture began in 1867. Mark Alex Renoe and Henry C. Jones were brothers-in-law. See footnotes 13 and 34, and paragraph 9 in G-H. The marriage of Mark A. Renoe and Eliza Jones is listed in Livingston County Marriage Index Volume "C" for years 1856 to 1866. The document is missing, as are a number of other marriage documents listed in Volume "C." For birth and death dates of Eliza, see footnote 9.

27. Referring to WPA 1940 INVENTORY, page 45, these newspapers were merged in 1869.

28. According to the Biographical Sketch of Henry C. Jones, see footnote 14 and the text to which it refers, Henry sold out in 1875.

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Texas²⁹ where he engaged in the auxiliary newspaper business at Dallas, Texas, supplying a list of 202 local newspapers and also engaging in the publication of the Planter and Farmer. Because of the ill health of his wife, he sold his interests there and moved³⁰ to Santa Cruz, Cal., where he resided until 1892. Returning to Pontiac at that time³¹ he purchased a two-thirds interest in the electric light plant here and helped to develop the plant which was later incorporated as the Pontiac Light, Heat and Power company, serving as its president for seven years. Later he organized the Pontiac Ice and Fuel company and established the city's first artificial ice plant which he recently disposed of because of his failing health. For the past several years he had lived a retired life.

"He was married in this city September 25, 1873,³² to Miss Mary Bancroft, a native of New York state, who survives, together with one daughter, Mrs. Nelle Hershey, of Birmingham, Ala., one daughter Helen M. having preceded him in death August 7, 1874, at Shasta,³³ Cal. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Eliza Renoe, of Clay City, Ill. His father died in 1893 at Shasta, Cal., and his mother in 1868 at the same place. A brother and three sisters also preceded him.³⁴

"Mr. Jones attempted to enter the union army during the Civil war. He enlisted in the volunteer service in California and was elected a lieutenant of his company but when his company was put in barracks there and the regulars sent to the front, he resigned and started for New York to re-enlist but the war had ended³⁵ before he reached there. Mr. Jones was a member of the Presbyterian church and socially was a member of Pontiac lodge No. 294, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of this city, being its oldest member at the time of his death."

[End of obituary.]

Footnotes:

29. At the time of the writing of THE 1878 HISTORY, see biographical sketch of Luther Bancroft on page a8 of this APPENDIX, Henry and Mary Jones were in Texas. There is deed evidence that Henry and Mary were in Texas in 1881, a report on that deed may be included in PART TWO of the APPENDIX.

30. This move occurred in 1885, see footnote 15 and 39.

31. Apparently Henry returned alone, his wife and daughter coming a few years later, see footnotes 16, 39, and 46, and the text to which they refer.

32. Incorrect date. Marriage record at the Livingston County Courthouse shows a marriage date of 23 September 1872. An obituary for Mrs. Mary Jones, which is reproduced on the next page, also shows 23 September 1872.

33. The Mrs. Mary Jones obituary, mentioned above, gives a death date for Helen M. of 9 August 1874. Henry and Mary were living in Pontiac at the time of their daughter's death, so Helen M. died in Pontiac, see footnotes 14 and 28. Mrs. Mary Jones, in her will, made provision for three markers for the graves of herself, her husband, and her daughter, all three graves are in the Jones burial plot in the Pontiac City Cemetery.

34. Sisters preceding Henry were: Rebecca McPherson, Martha Foster, and Melinda Page; and the brother was James Jones. See footnotes 9, 26, and 40.

35. The Civil war ended on 9 April 1865, so it would seem that Mr. Jones arrived in New York somewhat later than 9 April 1865. See footnote 25.

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An Obituary for Mrs. Mary B. Jones: [The widow of Henry C. Jones.]

The Daily Leader — Tuesday, September 7, 1942, Page 4, Column 2,

"Mrs. Mary B. Jones, 90, died at her home, 314 East Madison street, at 9:30 p.m. yesterday after an illness of several years. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Raleigh J. Harris funeral home with the Rev. A. Brabson Morrow, pastor of First Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Harry Cochran, pastor of First Methodist church, in charge. Pontiac chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will conduct special services. Friends may call at the funeral home. Interment will be in South Side cemetery.

"Mary Adella³⁶ Bancroft was born at Macedon, Wayne county, New York, Sept. 23, 1852, daughter of Leuther³⁷ and Jane (Wanzer) Bancroft. In the fall of 1861 she moved with her parents to Livingston county, about two miles east of Pontiac, in what was then known as Richmond.³⁸ She attended Pontiac public school, where she later became a teacher. Sept. 23, 1872, she was united in marriage to Henry C. Jones, Pontiac. With the exception of nine years in Dallas, Tex., and 14 years³⁹ in Santa Cruz, Calif., she has made Pontiac her home.

"Mrs. Jones was a member of Methodist church, of Pontiac, Samaria Shrine, No. 29, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Pontiac chapter, No. 310, Order of the Eastern Star. She served as worthy matron in 1904-1905 and secretary during 1907-1908 and from 1914 to May 10, 1932. Her husband preceded her in death June 13, 1921, and a daughter, Helen, Aug. 9, 1874.

"She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. R. G. (Nelle) Hershey, 314 East Madison street; a sister, Mrs. James Donahue, and several nieces and nephews in Odell; also two nephews,⁴⁰ Clarence Foster, Pontiac, and H. A. Foster, Fairbury, and one niece, Mrs. Charles Grandy, of Wichita, Kas."

Footnotes:

36. Before the death of her husband in 1921, Mrs. Jones was using the initial "B." for Bancroft instead of "A." for Adella. She did this to avoid being mistaken for another "Mary A. Jones." This was explained in the Henry C. Jones probate record. Referring to G-H, beginning with her marriage to Mr. Jones, reported in paragraph 34, to the final paragraph, including the report of her death in paragraph 44, Mary Jones became an important subject. In reporting this obituary of Mary, references to G-H are limited to a few special instances.

37. This may be a misspelling of the name Luther, see next page.

38. The actual location of this tract is described in footnote 41. Southeast of this tract is the area where Richmond existed for a short period of time.

39. Referring to "Remember?" feature in The Daily Leader of 4 September 1885, an item of one hundred years ago relates that Henry and Mary Jones came from Texas to Pontiac on a Friday and left for California on a Wednesday [which would be 2 September 1885]. With 14 years in California, it appears that Mary and daughter Nelle came back to Pontiac in 1899. This agrees with text for footnote 46. Also refer to footnotes 15 and 30, and paragraphs 39 and 40 in G-H.

40. Obituary error. The two nephews and one niece were offspring of Martha (Jones) Foster, a deceased sister of Henry C. Jones, the deceased husband of Mary Jones. See footnote 34 and note Martha Foster. The offspring of Martha (Jones) Foster are listed on page a15 in the George B. Foster sketch.

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Funeral for Mary B. Jones:

The Daily Leader -- Friday, September 11, 1942, page 5, column 3,

"Relatives and friends of Mrs. Mary B. Jones, widow of Henry C. Jones, pioneer settlers of Pontiac, paid final respects in funeral services held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Raleigh J. Harris funeral chapel, 413 North Main street.

"Services were conducted by the Rev. Harry A. Cochran, pastor of First Methodist church, of which Mrs. Jones was a member, and Dr. A. Brabson Morrow, pastor of the first Presbyterian church. Services of the Eastern Star were conducted by past matrons and patrons of Pontiac chapter No. 310, O.R.S., who had been associated with Mrs. Jones while she was secretary of the chapter for 20 years. Mrs. Charles B. Goudy, played the organ. Burial was in the South Side cemetery. Pallbearers were Leo Fretz, J. C. Greenebaum, F. H. Lester, A. B. Middleton, E. E. Schrock and Robert M. Niven." [End.]

A Biographical Sketch of Luther R. Bancroft: [Father of Mary B. Jones, above.]

THE 1878 HISTORY, page 626:

"L. R. BANCROFT, horticulturist, Sec. 24; P. O. Pontiac; is a native of Wayne Co. N. Y.; he was born on the 6th day of May 1814; when he was 16 years old, he was apprenticed to the tailor business, which he followed until he was about 25 years old, when he engaged in the clothing trade; he followed that about twelve years; his health failing, he engaged in farming and dealing in grain, stock and country produce; he came to Livingston Co. in 1861, and purchased⁴¹ ten acres of land in the timber, about a mile and a half east of Pontiac, which he cleared and set to fruit, and now has twenty acres, eight of which are under cultivation; he raises every variety of fruit which is susceptible of cultivation in this latitude, making a specialty of small fruits and plants; he has a fine orchard of some six hundred apple and three hundred cherry trees; he sold in 1877, a hundred and sixty bushels of strawberries. He was married in Sept., 1838, to Miss Jane Wanzer, of Dutchess Co., N. Y., who died in May, 1857, leaving one child—Mary,⁴² now Mrs. Henry Jones, of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Bancroft was married again in March, 1859, to Miss Sarah H. Green of Montgomery Co., N. Y., and has two children—James L.⁴³ and Edna." [End.]

Footnotes:

41. Deed Book U, Page 606: Dated 27 September 1861, six acres of land at the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of section twenty-four of Pontiac Township. This location is across the roadway east of the Calvary Baptist Church, 2004 E. Howard St. The intersection of county roads 1750 N and 1750 E would locate the northwest corner of the property.

42. See paragraphs 34, 35, 38, and 44 in G-H, and footnotes 17, 32, and 73.

43. James is mentioned in paragraphs 34 and 41 of G-H. Also see footnote 71. Sister Edna is the Mrs. James Donahue of Odell, Illinois, in the last paragraph of obituary on page a7. [According to Probate Record P-304, Luther R. Bancroft died on 30 March 1892. There may be a report on this probate in PART TWO of the APPENDIX, see Preface Page.]

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Wedding of Miss Nelle J. Jones:

The Daily Leader -- Wednesday, November 2, 1910, Page 1, Column 5,

"REV. R. G. HERSHEY - MISS NELLE JONES"

"Wedded in This City Tuesday Evening;

Will Reside in Detroit Where Mr. Hershey is in Pastorate."

"On Tuesday, November 1, at 4 p. m., occurred the wedding of Miss Nelle Jones to Rev. Roy G. Hershey, of Detroit, Mich., Rev. J. H. Ryan officiating, assisted by Rev. C. E. Hoag, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of St. Joseph, Mich.

"The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones, of 314 East Madison street, and the groom is the pastor of one of the thriving suburban Presbyterian churches in Detroit.

"Miss Jones is well known in musical circles in Pontiac, having been recognized as a singer of marked ability, not only in musical organizations, but as a leader and choir director in the Methodist Episcopal church, which position she has held for the past five years.

"During the summer Miss Jones received a very favorable offer to go into evangelistic work as soloist and accepted and this gave the occasion for the little romance which culminated as above. She has been singing in the union revival services in St. Joseph, Mich., with very flattering success and to said meeting came Rev. Mr. Hershey, an old time friend of Rev. Hoag, of the Methodist church. Rev. Hershey had charge of the young people's meetings and also of the men's meetings which were held in the theater at noon. In the services at the church he heard an unusual voice and later, being much associated with its owner in the parsonage home of his friend, the rest was easy and natural.

"The party⁴⁴ came from St. Joseph, reaching Pontiac about noon. They were accompanied by Rev. Hoag and O. C. Kimberly, the chorus director with Evangelist Johnson. After the wedding, refreshments were served and all returned to Chicago on the afternoon train. Rev. and Mrs. Hershey will remain in St. Joseph until the close of the week, when they will go to Detroit, where they will be in evangelistic meetings for the next two months, part of the time in their home church." [End.]

Footnote:

44. Nelle came early. Apparently Miss Nelle Jones came somewhat earlier in the day than the wedding party mentioned here, and her visit was indeed short. In the "Local Brevities" column on page five of The Daily Leader, Tuesday, November 1, 1910, the following news item is found, "Miss Nelle Jones, who has been traveling as soloist with Evangelist Smith, returned to Pontiac today for a short visit."

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An Obituary for Mrs. Nelle (Jones) Hershey:

The Daily Leader -- Friday, May 26, 1944, Page 3, Column 3,

"Mrs. Nelle Hershey Is Taken By Death"

"Mrs. Nelle Jones Hershey, 58, 314 East Madison street, died at 3 a. m. today at St. James' hospital following an illness of ten days.

"Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Raleigh J. Harris funeral home, with the Rev. A. B. Morrow, Pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after tomorrow noon until the hour of the funeral. Interment will be in Abbey mausoleum at South Side cemetery.

"Mrs. Hershey during her life was active in musical circles and in affairs of the Presbyterian church. She was a director of the choir of the First Methodist church here, following which she became soloist with Billy Sunday, famed evangelist.

"Following her marriage to Roy G. Hershey, Nov. 1, 1910, at Pontiac, she devoted much of her time to affairs of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Hershey held pastorates at Detroit, Mich.; Ithica, Mich.; Marietta, O., and Birmingham, Ala.

"During her years in Birmingham, Mrs. Hershey for four years was president of the Womens's Synodical, Synod of Alabama, of the Presbyterian church, and served as vice-president of the Women's Congress of the Southern Presbyterian church. She served as a member of the board of the Talledega orphanage at Talledega, Ala.

"In Kansas City, Mo., where Mr. and Mrs. Hershey resided after he resigned from the ministry, Mrs. Hershey was director of the choir of the First Presbyterian church in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey came to Pontiac five years ago.

"Born Dec. 25, 1885, in Chicago, the daughter of Henry J.⁴⁵ and Mary B Jones, Mrs. Hershey came to Pontiac with her parents at the age of 14.⁴⁶ She attended Pontiac high school and Grand Prairie seminary. Her parents preceded her in death, her mother having passed away Sept. 7, 1942.

"Mrs. Hershey was a member of the Eastern Star and Samaria Shrine, having been worthy high priestess of the White Shrine in Birmingham." [End.]

Footnotes:

45. Initial "J." should have been "C." Referring to footnote 18, according to information found in the probate record for Henry C. Jones, Henry and Mary had raised Nelle as though she had been born to them, however, they had never legally adopted her. See paragraph 38 in G-H.

46. If the age of 14 is correct, which would be the year 1899 or 1900, then only Henry came to Pontiac in 1892, see footnotes 16 and 31. Apparently Mrs. Mary Jones and daughter Nelle came from California in 1899 or early 1900, this assumption is supported by information producing this footnote and footnote 39. Refer also to paragraphs 39 and 40 in G-H.

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Funeral for Mrs. Nelle (Jones) Hershey:

The Daily Leader -- Monday, May 29, 1944, Page 3, Column 3,

"Mrs. Nelle Hershey"

"Funeral services for Mrs. Nelle Jones Hershey were held at 3 p. m. yesterday at the R. J. Harris funeral home, with Rev. A. B. Morrow officiating. Mrs. S. G. Turner sang, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Bess Goudey.

"Burial was in Abbey mausoleum at South Side cemetery. Pallbearers were J. C. Greenebaum, S. G. Turner, E. F. Blessman, H. I. Shepherd, L. A. Fretz and Francis Lehman." [End.]

An Obituary for Roy G. Hershey:

The Pontiac Daily Leader -- Friday, June 24, 1955, Page 1, Column 1.

"R. G. HERSHEY, CIVIC LEADER, DIES AT 72"

"The Rev. R. G. Hershey, 72, active in Pontiac civic and religious affairs since 1938 died at 2:30 a. m. today at Brokaw hospital, Normal.

"Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at the R. J. Harris funeral home, with entombment in Abbey mausoleum. The Rev. Rudolph Loidolt, of the First Baptist church of Bloomington, will officiate.

"Friends may call at the funeral home after 1 p. m. tomorrow afternoon and until time of the funeral.

"Was Cornell Pastor.

"At the time of his death, Rev. Hershey was pastor of Cornell Baptist church, although he still maintained his residence at 314 East Madison street, Pontiac.

"Rev. Hershey came here in a secular capacity in 1938 as secretary-manager of Pontiac Chamber of Commerce. His purpose was to reorganize and rejuvenate the chamber after it had gone through a period of comparative inactivity. He served in this post until 1944.

"He took up church work again as pastor of the First Baptist church of Pontiac, serving for nine years. He was pastor of Cornell Baptist church for the past four years.

"Rev. Hershey was born Sept. 29, 1882, at Osage City, Kan., the son of Frank Milton and Francis (Watkins) Hershey. He attended Junction City, Kan., public schools, Moody Bible Institute and did special work at McCormick seminary.

"Married in Pontiac.

"He was married to Miss Nell Jones in Pontiac Nov. 1, 1910; she preceded him in death May 26, 1944. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Jessie Snedigar, Kansas City, Mo. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

"Although no children were born to Rev. and Mrs. Hershey, they were deeply interested in young people and aided greatly in the education of many young men and women. --->

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An Obituary for Roy G. Hershey: [Continued from Page a11]

"Rev. Hershey was ordained a minister in the Presbyterian church in Detroit by the Presbytery of Detroit in January, 1910. He was received into the Baptist Fellowship in October, 1944.

"Held Nine Pastorates.

"He held nine pastorates, including Presbyterian churches in Ithaca, Mich.; Trenton-Ecorse, Mich.; Piqua, Ohio; Marietta, Ohio; Woodlawn Presbyterian church, Birmingham, Ala; Peachtree Road Presbyterian, Atlanta, Ga.; First Presbyterian, Kansas City, Mo.; First Baptist, Pontiac, and Cornell Baptist church.

"Among the many civic and social service positions he held were membership in the International Committee on Child Welfare; director of Birmingham, Ala., Boys' club; founding director of the Alabama Association for the Blind; member of the Illinois Aid to Dependent Children commission; president of Birmingham, Ala., Civic association; secretary-manager of the Kansas City Improvement association; first president of the Birmingham, Ala., Lions club; defense director of Livingston county during World War II; member of the Ohio Finance committee during World War I; veteran of Company C. 16th U S Infantry, during the Spanish-American war." [End.]

Referring to paragraph 11 in G-H, mention is made of reading biographical sketches of members of the DeMoss family in "the 1878 and 1888 histories" to learn the year that each subject had come to Livingston County. In THE 1878 HISTORY, on pages 732 and 733, interesting and informative sketches are found for Alexander DeMoss; Henry J. DeMoss; Thomas DeMoss; Asa DeMoss; and William DeMoss. [See report in footnote 47 below.]

One subject in THE 1878 HISTORY, Henry J. DeMoss, is also the subject for a sketch on page 334 in THE 1888 ALBUM. In the same history, on page 446, there is a sketch for Hamilton DeMoss. Of these seven sketches, portions of the 1888 sketch for Henry J. shall be reproduced.

Henry J. DeMoss had ten siblings, one of whom was Emily Jones, the mother of Henry C. Jones; and another sibling was Martha Rollins, the wife of Philip Rollins. Portions of a sketch for Philip Rollins shall also be reproduced.

A Biographical Sketch of Henry J. DeMoss: [An uncle of Henry C. Jones]

THE 1888 ALBUM. Page 334:

"HENRY J. DeMOSS, who ranks among the pioneers of Avoca Township, began life among the hills of Highland County, Ohio, on the 28th⁴⁸ of June, 1830. His parents, James and Margaret⁴⁹ (Nace) DeMoss, were also natives of the Buckeye State, the father of French ancestry and the mother of German. His

Footnotes:

47. All five subjects came to Livingston County in 1840.

48. 21 June 1830 is shown as the date of birth in THE 1878 HISTORY. Who is to say which date is correct?

49. Margaret was known as "Nancy" DeMoss. See footnotes 2, 53, and 58, and also paragraph 9 in G-H.

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A Biographical Sketch of HENRY J. DeMOSS: [Continued from Page a12]

paternal grandfather, James DeMoss, Jr., was born in France, and when a child two years of age was brought by his parents to the United States, where they settled near the town of Cicero, Ind. Ten years later they came to this county, arriving in the spring of 1840.⁵⁰ They located⁵¹ about six miles southeast of Pontiac, and from there, a few years later, removed to a point one mile north of the old town site of Avoca, where the father of our subject passed his last years on the farm now owned by Daniel Street. The death⁵² of James DeMoss took place in the spring of 1852, and that of his wife⁵³ eleven years later. Their household included eleven children,⁵⁴ . . .

"The father of our subject was a millwright, a trade which he followed all his life, allowing his boys to do most of the farming. He put up the machinery in the first mill built at Pontiac, and built the seats of the first court-house there. He possessed great energy, and was a man of integrity and one in whom the people had entire confidence. In his death Livingston County lost one of her most worthy pioneers and public-spirited citizens.

"The subject of our sketch was reared to manhood in this county, receiving the meager advantages of its common schools. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, which took place in the spring⁵⁵ of 1851, his bride being Miss Mary J. Popejoy,⁵⁶ who was born in Tippecanoe County, Ind., Sept. 27, 1832. Mrs. DeMoss is the daughter of Nathan and Mary (Gregory) Popejoy, natives respectively of Kentucky and Ohio. When six weeks old she was brought by her parents to this county during its early settlement. . . .

"The children of Mr. and Mrs. DeMoss, six in number, were named respectively, Levi L., Theodore M., Edward W., Henry B., Margaret M., the wife of Lewis Carter, of Pleasant Ridge Township, and Isadora, Mrs. Edward Skinner, of the same township. . . ."

[The last paragraph is not reproduced here, and this sketch is ended.]

Footnotes:

50. This date is more precise than dates in the other sketches, even that of Henry J. in THE 1878 HISTORY, see footnote 47. Also refer to footnote 3.

51. Deed recorded in Book B, Page 65, indicates a DeMoss family had land in Amity Township in 1842. Records of DeMoss purchases of land in Avoca Township begin several years later. See footnote 60, and paragraph 11 in G-H

52. Probate records indicate that James DeMoss died on 3 Feb 1852. See paragraph 10 in G-H. In 1850 Census, his age is listed as 66 years.

53. This is the only record found to date giving the death date of Margaret [known as Nancy] DeMoss. In 1850 Census, her age is listed as 60 years. For other listings of this subject see footnotes 2, 49, and 58.

54. Referring to paragraphs 9 and 10 in G-H, and to the sale of land that had been owned by the deceased James DeMoss, Deed Book C, Page 401, eight of the DeMoss offspring are listed as Grantors; and the three Grantees may also have been offspring of the late James DeMoss. Perhaps a report can be made of this sale in PART TWO of the APPENDIX.

55. Courthouse records show a marriage date of 14 May 1851.

56. Perhaps the initial "J." stood for "JoAnnah" or a variation. Her name in the marriage record is Miss Mary Ann Popejoy.

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A Biographical Sketch of Philip Rollins: [Husband of Martha (DeMoss) Rollins]

THE 1888 ALBUM. Page 285:

"PHILIP ROLLINS, . . . [of] Pontiac Township, was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, Sept. 24, 1813, . . .

"Our subject is the son of William K. and Susan Rollins, natives of Virginia, and of French and German ancestry respectively. . . . In their youth they removed from their native State to Coshocton County, Ohio, and became the parents of six children, of whom only three survive, namely: Nancy, . . . William, . . . and Philip of our sketch. . . . He [Mr. Rollins] has served as Justice of the Peace eight years, represented Pontiac Township in the County Board of Supervisors several terms, and was School Director in his district a number of years. . . .

"Mr. Rollins was married in Indiana, March 8, 1839, the lady of his choice being Miss Martha DeMoss,⁵⁷ a native of his own State, and born in Hamilton County Jan. 23, 1812. Her parents, James and Nancy⁵⁸ DeMoss, were natives respectively of Virginia and Kentucky. In 1841⁵⁹ they removed from Indiana to Livingston County, and settled in Avoca⁶⁰ Township, where they spent their last years. . . .

"Mr. and Mrs. Rollins⁶¹ became the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living, namely: Peter, Charles, William H., Nancy, . . . Matilda, . . . and Emeline, . . ."

[This reproduction is ended.]

Excerpts of

A Biographical Sketch of George B. Foster: [Husband of Martha (Jones) Foster]

THE 1888 ALBUM. Page 269:

"GEORGE B. FOSTER, one of the oldest living pioneers of Livingston County, was born in Tioga County, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1825, the son of John and Susan (Shephard) Foster, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter, who it is known was of New England birth, . . . [Their offspring included:] Edward, Robert,⁶² James, Frank, Charles, and George B. of our sketch.

"In 1837 John Foster, with sixteen others of the same patronimic . . . started West, making their way to Cleveland, Ohio, by lake and rail, then engaged teams

Footnotes:

57. Martha was probably two or three years older than her sister Emily, who married Henry Jones. Emily's probable birth year was 1814, see footnote 1.

58. For more about Nancy, see footnotes 2, 49, and 53.

59. 1841 does not agree with year 1840 in footnotes 47 and 50.

60. For a probable location prior to Avoca, see footnote 51.

61. In early courthouse records, and in THE 1878 HISTORY, Mr. Rollins was known as Philip Rollings. In this sketch and in latter records the surname became Rollins. Also, the marker on his grave at the Pontiac City Cemetery shows a variation of his given name: PHILLIP ROLLINS, 1813 -- 1897. Grave marker for his wife reads: MARTHA ROLLINS, 1812 -- 1896.

62. Robert Foster was the father of Moore Foster. See next page.

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A Biographical Sketch of George B. Foster: [Continued from page a14.]

and proceeded overland, locating first at Dayton, Ohio, on account of the cold weather, . . . They remained there three months, when they continued their journey, finally settling in Pontiac. . . . He [George B. Foster] was married,⁶³ Dec. 21, 1852, after reaching his twenty-seventh year, to Miss Martha Jones,⁶⁴ who was born in Indiana, Feb. 25, 1834. Mrs. F. was the daughter of Henry and Emily (De Moss) Jones, natives of Kentucky, who emigrated to Illinois about 1846,⁶⁵ and settled in Owego⁶⁶ Township. They afterward removed to California, where the mother died about 1863,⁶⁷ and where Mr. Jones is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Foster became the parents of six children, of whom the record is as follows: Agnes, the first born, died when one year old; Henry obtained a fine education and is now Principal of the Pontiac High School, and numbered among the efficient popular educators of the county; Emily is the wife of William Decker, a prosperous merchant of Owego Township; Susan married Charles Grandy, who is farming in Pontiac Township, where Nathan also pursues the same calling; Clarence is a resident of Owego Township.

"In 1852, Mr. Foster purchased the land comprising his present farm, which was then an uncultivated tract of prairie, . . ."

[End.]

An Article by Moore Foster:

MOORE FOSTER, a son of Robert Foster (see footnote 62), and a nephew of George B. Foster of the above sketch, is mentioned in bold print on page 46 of a recently released book by J. Paul Yost,⁶⁸ entitled: LIVINGSTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY—Its Beginning and Some Later Years. The bold print introduces a report on an article that appeared on page three of The Daily Leader, June 5, 1935, which relates the sealing of the corner stone for the new billet. The following is a quote from Paul's book, it begins near the bottom of page 46:

"Among articles sealed in the corner stone of the new billet of Aarvig-Campbell post No. 78 America Legion, in Rollins' Grove,⁶⁹ east of Pontiac, which was laid with appropriate ceremonies on Decoration Day, was a historical sketch of Pontiac prepared by Moore Foster, 808 East Madison Street." --->

Footnotes:

63. Justice of the Peace, Philip Rollings, officiated the marriage.

64. This Martha was a sister of Henry C. Jones, refer to paragraph 9 in G-H for their siblings, and see footnote 1 for data pertaining to their mother.

65. See footnote 3.

66. Also see footnote 3, and paragraph 11 in G-H.

67. This date does not agree with 1868 on page A2, see footnote 9.

68. J. Paul Yost, a long time member of the Livingston County Historical Society, helped to reactivate and reorganize the Society in 1963, becoming its President at that time and serving in that capacity until resigning the office in July of 1976. Paul holds a Life Membership in the Society and remains active in committee assignments and attends meetings regularly. Paul released his book early in 1985, and donated its proceeds to the Society.

69. This grove was named for the same Rollins who was featured on page a14, and mentioned in footnote 63, above.

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An Article by Moore Foster: [Continued from page a15.]

Let us skip ahead in Paul's book, picking up the text of the article by Moore Foster near the bottom of page 48:

"What is known as the Foster property now, right next to Rollins' grove, was originally the home of Winslow and Duncan Hanneman's father, it has been a picnic ground ever since I was a little boy. There was, and is, plenty of nice water close and in the old days, plenty of milk in "Aunt Martha's"⁷⁰ milk house and folks usually helped themselves to it. Jim Bancroft's father⁷¹ lived over on the other corner.

"Henry Jones, a relative⁷² of the elder Rollins, was hardly old enough to go along with the older ones on jaunts. He and my father used to run a shingle mill along the river. The lumber in the Jones⁷³ property—brick residence on East Madison street—was cut out there. Lath used in those days were red oak boards, split and tacked on. The principal part of the lumber in the building⁷⁴ on Howard street, now occupied by the Harper and Roth funeral home, was cut in the Rollins-Foster timber. . . ."

Teen-ager, Henry C. Jones:

Let us now refer to paragraphs 9 through 16 in G-H, and footnotes 5 and 10 in this APPENDIX, and the text to which they refer.

During the interval from 1849 to 1855, while papa Henry was seeking gold, his family, apparently, was living with the wife's parents, James and Nancy DeMoss. The DeMoss home was east and south of Pontiac. A number of relatives also lived in that area. Born on 11 February 1838, young Henry was eleven years old when his father left. Six years later, when his father returned, Henry was seventeen. During those six years, teen-ager, Henry C. Jones, found employment with some of his relatives of the area, according to the Moore Foster article above. When his father returned and the clerking position became available in his father's store, young Henry may have been happy to end his career in the timber business.

Footnotes:

70. This "Aunt Martha" was the wife of Philip Rollins.

71. Jim Bancroft's father was Luther R. Bancroft, see sketch on page a8.

72. The wife of Philip Rollins and the mother of Henry C. Jones were sisters. See footnote 57.

73. In 1935, when this article appeared in The Daily Leader, Mary B. Jones, the widow of Henry C. Jones, was living in the brick residence on East Madison Street. Henry and Mary had purchased the property in 1899; thirty-five years later it had become rather well known as the JONES HOUSE.

74. This building, originally a brick residence, was built in 1855-6 by Henry Jones, the father of Henry C. Jones. Refer to paragraph 15 in G-H.

"I know no way of judging the future but by the past."

Patrick Henry, 1775

Part One of APPENDIX for GENEALOGY OF THE JONES HOUSE is ended. (RAS)